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Cool and rainy. The great debate on France's European policy was set yesterday for August 24, and it is not yet known what line Mendès will take. He is trying to postpone discussion of his Tunisian program until after EDC has been taken up. Meanwhile, adherents of the former Sultan of Morocco have precipitated minor but bloody clashes in Fez. The Glaoui has issued a statement bitterly condemning the propaganda to restore the deposed monarch to the Sheriffian throne.

Mendès has decided to have the Assembly polled on a confidence vote next Tuesday on his bill for economic and financial reforms.

Gardened and read Edith Wharton's Age of Innocence. A fine novel. I like it and Ethan Frome best of her writings. Have started on Barras' Memoirs. He was an enterprising rascal. Cold tonight and comfortable under two blankets.

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